FOOLSCAP

The official paper of Follycon – Eastercon 2018 FRIDAY

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Opening Ceremony

"Isn't it majestic?" said Follycon chair Alison Scott as she opened the opening ceremony, before introducing everyone. The audience ignored her request not to clap ("Or we will run out of time," said Alice.) We didn't.

Entertainment was provided by Michael Abbott leaping up and down pointing out where everything was on the map. And we were warned that the pocket programme was a week out of date, so use the app, the same app that told Alice the opening ceremony was about to start just as it finished.

And all the guests have turned up, as well as two people who mistakenly booked lunch this weekend, so ignore them.

Welcome from the Chair

Following my welcome in the Souvenir Book, my welcome in the Read Me (which you should all read by the way), and my welcome speech at the opening ceremony, I realised I hadn't had sufficient chance to expound in depth on my thoughts at the beginning of this august occasion so I thought I would take this opportunity… *[that's enough welcomes from the Chair - Ed.]*

Fire alarm

The fire alarm is a siren. It isn't due to be tested during Follycon. If it goes off, gather on the West Terrace.

Restaurant booking

Harrogate boasts many different styles of restaurant: there are Italians on Albert Street; and Indian, Chinese and Thai on Cheltenham Parade. However, they get very busy, especially on Saturday evening. Booking is strongly advised. And please remember to send in your restaurant reviews!

Larger print available

Large print versions of the Programme Book and Read Me are available at Info Desk.

Grenadine issues

If anyone is having problems with Grenadine, make sure you have the most up-to-date version of the app, and restart the phone (power off and then on again) after updating.

Apologies

We're sorry some people found they couldn't get a hot meal after 8 pm yesterday. We have an evening buffet

(mains and sides) served from 5-8 but we also have burgers and jackets available 12-10, and the hotel has assured us that they can also do choices off their bar menu and room service. For all hot food please go to the ballroom, which also has a handy tea and coffee station for caffeine-deprived people on the run.

Breakfast vouchers

There aren't any! We decided not to use them in the end. Also, if you don't manage to get up for 11 am you can still get a breakfast bap by quoting your room number and saying that you didn't make it to breakfast

Access announcement

People who need assistance getting to Carriages Suite (Dealers Room and Art Show) please go to hotel reception where they will summon a ~~horse and carriage~~ golf buggy and driver. To arrange your return trip, contact the Radio Operator in Carriages.

Win a Guest of Honour!

We expect the kaffeeklatsches with our GoH to be very popular so are running lotteries for interested members. Sign up at the info desk at least two hours before each item; programme supremos will then randomly pick 12 winners and two reserves and provide their names for the info desk.

Sense, Sensibility and the Sublime

If anyone coming to the Heinlein talk has a visual impairment or other issue that makes reading projected slides difficult, please email farah.sf@gmail.com before Saturday and request them.

Critical Masterclasses

On Saturday we will discuss "The New Atlantis" by Ursula Le Guin www.lightspeedmagazine.com /fiction/the-new-atlantis/

On Sunday we will discuss "The Moon Over Red Trees" by Aliette de Bodard www.beneath-ceaseless-skies.com/stories/the-moon-over-red-trees/

You must read the relevant story in advance if you want to attend one of the classes. Sign up at the Info Desk.

Art Show Grand Opening

7-9 pm. Come along and meet the artists. All welcome.

There's been a mur-durr!

In honour of Agatha Christie, who was found in Harrogate following her mysterious disappearance in 1926, Satellite 6 present a fannish murder mystery.

Follycon Chair Alison has been horribly murdered in a room at the Majestic. Suspicion has fallen on five members of her Committee. It is believed that one of the following was the murder weapon:

i. A lanyard from Registration
ii. A laminator from Ops
iii. The Doc Weir Award
iv. Poisoned wine from Green Room
v. A copy of the Encyclopaedia of Science Fiction

Collect the clues to work out which committee member was in which room with which weapon and solve the crime! Hand in your answer to the Satellite 6 Con Table by 3 pm on Monday. A winner will be chosen at random from correct entries received.

Clue 1: For Michael and Phil, one had the wine and the other was in room 5.

The Daily Drabble

We challenge readers to enlighten us with your pseudoScience, presented in the form of a drabble (a story of exactly 100 words, excluding title). Some of the best received will appear in these pages.

To begin, an example from the Satellite 6 Chair

Insights into the genetic structure of *Clangers*

To date, studies on the exo-alien *Clangers* have largely been undertaken by SCT (Sitting Close to the Telly) spectroscopy. We report that coupling the spectrometer to established optical systems creates the novel hyphenated spectroscopic technique, SCT-MG (Sitting Close to the Telly - with a Magnifying Glass). This offers enhanced observations of Clangers allowing resolution of genetic structure to the molecular level. SCT-MG indicates that Clanger genetic structure is based on side-substituted bio-polymers, specifically, terminal (omega) substituted poly-octyl-olefins (ω-ool). Initial observations suggest that this bio-polymer (*ply*) can form in one (single *ply*-ω-ool) or two (double *ply*-ω-ool) strands, analogous to terrestrial DNA/RNA.

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From the Chair

Please remember we are keeping access lanes clear: don't obstruct them or put furniture in them. They are clearly marked with yellow tape. Please respect the needs of Con members with access badges. And please don't complain to volunteers who ask you to move out of the access lanes.

Sign-up items

Spaces are still available on many of Sunday's sign-up items, including the crafting workshops, poetry and beer tasting. Please go to Info Desk to put your name down.

Probing quality merchandise

If you can't wait for the fan fund auction on Sunday, and still have any money left after going to Friday's TAFF Extravaganza, do visit Claire Wardell's jewellery table in the Dealers Room. There you can buy lapel pins based on USPS stamps commemorating planetary probe missions - with all profits going to the fan funds.

Imagined Things

Harrogate bookshop *Imagined Things* is just down the hill from the Majestic. Opening hours over the Easter weekend are Saturday 10am-5:30pm, Sunday closed, Monday 10am-4pm. They have a couple of special author signing events today
3 pm: Science fiction authors
4 pm: Fantasy authors

Poster presentations

Don't forget to check out the excellent posters on display in the Half Moon. Check the signs in the poster area for times when individual presenters will be available to talk about their work.

Poetry

Poet Chrissy Williams has written a poem especially for the Newsletter:

Robot Unicorn Attack

(a love poem for a videogame)
Possibility bursts like a horse
full of light, accelerating
into a star. Explosion. Hit
<X> to make your dreams
crash into stone. Death.
Diatonic chimes of joy.
I want to be with you.
Let dolphins fly in time.
Swim through air, leap
past sense, past sin and then
hit <Z> to chase your dreams
again. *Always. Harmony.* Up,
smash goes the rainbow-
trailing heart again.
Again. Again, again!
I want to be with you when
make-believe is possible.
I want to be with you when
robot unicorns never cry, hit
stars collapse in quiet love.
When there is only love.
Harmony. No shame.

Chrissy Williams

Chrissy will be appearing on *Poets on Poetry* at 4:30 pm on Saturday and *Poetry Comics Workshop* at noon on Sunday.

Please sign up for the workshop at Info Desk.

From the vaults

Follycon 88 ran out of real ale at noon on Saturday. Their hotel didn't believe the committee when they predicted how much beer fans could drink. We are pleased to report that Follycon 18 is in good shape, with 24 casks remaining.

SF in WW1

Prof Edward James' display on science fiction in WW1 is now in the Billiards Room. Do go and have a look. It is absolutely fascinating!

Smoking Area

Please don't smoke in the area outside hotel reception. Use the designated smoking areas.

Dealers Room

Please don't take large bags into the Dealers Room. If you're passing through on the way to a programme item in the Dance Studio, please make sure any drinks are in closed containers rather than open pints etc to avoid spillage on the shiny things!

Lifts and stairs

Please can everyone who is able use the stairs and leave the lifts for those who need them. And please try to have no more than four people in the lift at once. Otherwise it will break (again)!

Lost and found

One shoe, last seen half-way round the quagmire of the Harrogate Park Run.

Grenadine solution

If you downloaded the FOLLY18 schedule before the clocks changed last weekend your notifications may come an hour late. A workaround is to go to options, click on reminders, turn them off and then turn them back on (by selecting the minutes before).

Restaurant Reviews

Brio Ristorante (Gianni's)
40 Kings Road, HG1 5JW, 01423 553953
Excellent. GF pizza and pasta. Wide choice for vegetarians. No vegan menu but if you say you are vegan they will negotiate a dish to your taste with enthusiasm. Several vegan salads. £26 for two courses + alcohol per person.

Farah Mendlesohn

Thai kitchen 33 Cheltenham Crescent. 01423-525551. Various curry and noodle dishes. Great taste, Nice portions though appetizers somewhat large (good chicken satay). Coffee not so good! Mains £15-20.

Jan van't Ent

Lucia Italian 3 Ripon Road 01423 500071
My lasagna was excellent, Martin's pizza was good, and the staff were cheerful and efficient. Mains from £10.

Margaret Austin

Gelateria Ice Scoop
14 Kings Road. Excellent ice cream, waffles, and pancakes.
Fri-Sat: 1 - midnight
Sun-Thu: 1 - 11 pm

Burgers and More 11 Kings Road 01423 523796
Great staff and unique substantial burgers, including the Bucking Bronco served with deep-fried chillies. Burger and pint of Black Sheep £18.

Arthur Chappell

The Lally Wonderwall

The traditional Eastercon installation artwork containing information on future cons (and bids) can be seen displayed along the walkway leading towards the swimming pool. Photography very much encouraged!

Child's play

There is a large playground towards the far end of Valley Park, 5 mins from the Majestic.

Please can parents and guardians makes sure youngsters are not left unsupervised in the games room.

Doctor Boo

There is much criticism of the programme team for not arranging with the BBC to have a live showing of Dr Who on Saturday night.

You have been warned!

To enforce the four person per lift policy, the Committee has engaged bouncers to manage the doors.

From Shadow

Can Ingress players who complete the Follycon banner please find Shadow (Ingress: NeverSeenByDay) to receive a small token.

From Jackie Burns

Can the person who purchased a set of jewellery at *Innominate*, Eastercon 2017, but hasn't yet received their bracelet please contact Jackie in the Dealers Room.

The Daily Drabble:

An investigation into quantum uncertainty and the undead

In this experiment a vampire was tricked into wearing ski goggles with mirrored lenses. Mirrorshades reflect most light, the rest gets through. That should be the only light entering the goggles, so it should be able to see ahead. However, vampires don't reflect in mirrors; light from behind should hit the lenses, and should be visible to observers in front of it, and the vampire should see objects behind itself reflected in the lenses. This suggests some form of quantum uncertainty.
In practice the vampire instantly crumbled to dust. Our tentative conclusion is that the universe really dislikes a smart-arse

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Murder Mystery Clue 2
Phil was in room 1

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Nnedi Okorafor Interview

Guest of Honour Nnedi Okorafor spoke openly about how scoliosis ended her promising pro-tennis career. During her lengthy rehabilitation, she turned to the written word and fell in love with storytelling. She then spoke about how her former strict athletics regime has given her the consistent discipline to meet or better her writing deadlines. Now working extensively in the Marvel Comics world, she has some Black Panther spin-offs in the pipeline.

DDT miracle?

Once DDT was considered a miracle answer to the problem of dangerous insects. In the BSFA Lecture, Dr Sabine Clarke, a lecturer in modern history at the University of York, showed how DDT was used in 1946 in Kenya to control malaria.

In particular, she focused on a British propaganda film that was used to persuade local people of the safety of spraying the chemical in and around their homes.

She found that their reluctance was probably not from ignorance but from their negative experience of the British applying arsenic to kill locusts, which had also accidentally poisoned cattle.

"Don't stand in the doorway, don't block up the hall"

Bob Dylan

Please don't block up the North Lounge Fan Bar by putting chairs in access lanes.

There are plenty of big round tables in the Billiards Room suitable for large groups of fans to sit around and enjoy a pint and a chat.

DON'T DO THIS!!!

Nearest cash machine

Go out the west entrance by the swimming pool. Follow the path through the hotel garden to the gate at the bottom. There is a machine on the building to your left.

Rapidfire Infoshots

Sat 10 pm. You have three minutes to talk about anything you want, with visuals! Bring a USB with .ppt or .pdf slides. Be ranty. Be funny. But don't be boring. There will be heckling and a prize for best rant/share!

Programme Changes

Easter Egg Hunt

Sun 10 am. Egg Hunt Central will be by the revolving doors at the Terrace end of the bar, not at the Info Desk.

Culture Clash Panel

Sun 1:30 pm. Nnedi Okorafor can no longer take part in the Culture Clash panel. A replacement is being recruited.

The Life and Work of Stephen Hawking

Emma King will give her rearranged talk at 9 am on Monday in the Drawing Room.

From Audrey

Can anyone who completed the park run please find Audrey who has a special souvenir for you.

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Apocryphal outrage

Complaints have been received from several sources – including Satellite Conventions' Apocrypha Emeritus His Malevolence Fluff the Plush Cthulhu – about the non-availability of

memberships and con badges for apocrypha. He informs us that the Follycon Committee may expect to have their brains sucked out shortly!

Wi-fi saturated

Although the hotel assured us their internet provision was sufficient for a convention of this size, it's possible they weren't used to fans. All your tech devices are causing connectivity problems, meaning that other members can't log on. Please disconnect devices when you're not using them so that you know they're not downloading data in the background, and please avoid streaming and other data-intensive services.

Restaurant reviews

L'Abero Delle Noci
31 Cheltenham Crescent.
01423 565806

Traditional South Italian. Excellent food, friendly service. They warn you food might take a while because they cook it freshly, but there was no problem when it wasn't busy. Mains from £10.

Tony Keen

Major Tom's Social
3 The Ginnel 01423 566984

Excellent home-baked pizzas, many of which are suitable for vegetarians and vegans, in this quirky eclectic bar decked out in movie and music memorabilia. Pizzas £7-9. Four real ales and a selection of craft beers.

Arthur Chappell

Loo-dicrous

The gents toilet next to the Dealers Room is fast becoming the 'must see' stop

on the Majestic Tourist Tour. Indeed, so vast and palatial is its opulent interior, that the Committee considered using it for several functions. Committee members sent to investigate the facilities further are only now re-appearing in ones and twos.

Dept. of Fannish Export

If you want to vote in the TAFF and/or GUFF races, see the Info Desk or vote online by Tuesday. Thanks to everyone who has donated items for Sunday evening's Fan Fund Auction; you can still donate at the Info Desk.

Murder Mystery Clue 3

Alice's room number was one greater than the room with the encyclopaedia.

Satellite in orbit

The Satellite 6 con table has moved to the opposite side of the Dealers' Room. However they remain eager to sell memberships and hand out copies of Elf's ~~utterly impossible~~ incredibly easy Venus-themed Word Search. Meanwhile Venus de Glasgo' is guarding the Art Show.

The Daily Drabble

This issue's drabble is a study from Charles Stross' laundryverse by Dr Adrian Emery:

An Investigation of the Physical Properties of the Basilisk and Other Litho-transformative Species

It had been previously reported in the literature that the Basilisk broke the law of mass conservation by converting carbon atoms to silicon via their gaze. Extremely careful dissection of the eyes and visual cortex coupled with experiments using juvenile creatures on live subjects, it is now thought that a form of "warm" fusion occurs with a large release of energy.
It is thought that the visual cortex is acting as a quantum computer entangling a pair of atoms then forcing them into the same point of space creating silicon and energy. This is now been classified at ULTRA level.

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Kim Stanley Robinson

A packed audience enjoyed a fascinating talk by Guest of Honour Kim Stanley Robinson.

He included many reminiscences of previous visits to Britain, including drinking and driving with Iain M Banks (though not at the same time obviously!) and answered audience questions about his work.

Feline Groovy

Scientists have come up with the purrfect way to write songs for cats.

The US researchers say their method will help moggies in feline the music. And in tests they found the cats preferred the species-appropriate music without a paws for thought.

This tail from the universities of Wisconsin and Maryland analysed the frequencies cats use to communicate and composed songs with them.

They even had a claws in their research to study how music affected other animals including dogs and gorillas; moloch gibbons apparently have no interest in music.

Pet owners can litter their playlists with tunes to keep their whiskers twitching for all nine lives.

Top Ten for Cats

1. Cool for Cats – Squeeze
2. What's New Pussycat – Tom Jones
3. Cat Scratch Fever – Motorhead
4. Anything by Pussy Riot
5. Honky Cat – Elton John
6. Love Cats – The Cure
7. Anything by Yusuf
8. Everybody Wants to be a Cat – Aristocats
9. Stray Cats Strut – Stray Cats
10. China Cat Sunflower – Grateful Dead

BSFA Award Winners

Best Novel

The Rift by Nina Allan (Titan Books)

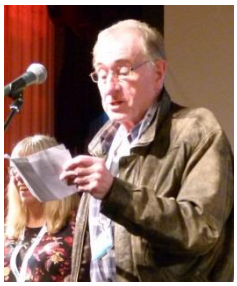
Best Short Fiction

The Enclave by Anne Charnock (NewCon Press)

Best Artwork (joint winners)

Cover for 'The Ion Raider' by Jim Burns (NewCon Press)

Illustration for 'Waiting on a Bright Moon' by Victo Ngai (Tor.com)



Best Non-Fiction

Iain M. Banks by Paul Kincaid

Congratulations All!!

Eastercon 2020

There is no bid (yet!) for Eastercon 2020. However, a team are planning to bid at Ytterbium under the name *Concentric*. They are taking pre-supporting memberships at £20, which will count as £25 towards your membership. They are also looking for additional committee members. So run away now!!

On the Road to Recovery

As some of you may be aware, one of our members took ill last night and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance. He was kept in overnight for observation, but is fine and comfortable. The Con sends good wishes for a full and speedy recovery. Thanks to the hotel for dealing with the situation speedily and sympathetically.

Doc Weir Award

Don't forget to vote. Ballot Box at Info Desk.

Art Show

The Silent Auction closes at 4 pm today. Don't miss out! Plus there is still much more to buy and take away.

Product Recall

Thornton's have recalled all their posh chocolate Easter Eggs. If you have any, please bring them to Newsletter for appropriate disposal.

Suffragist gathering

There will be a TWP (The Women's Periodical) gathering for women to chat, make friends and exchange experiences, in room 226 at 2 pm on Sunday. Everyone who identifies as female or uses she/her pronouns is welcome.

Flasher spotted

Some of the hotel chandeliers have a single intermittently flashing light. These spell hidden messages in Morse Code. If you decode all the messages, send them to Avril Poisson, who has a seasonal prize for you.

Ytterbium: Eastercon 19

The Ytterbium committee would like to encourage everyone who would like to attend next year's Eastercon (19 - 22 April at the Park Inn at Heathrow) to register either online on their own devices at https://registration.ytterbium.org.uk/ or to visit them in the Dealers Room. They accept cards, cash, groats, cheques and gold bullion (subject to validation).

Murder Mystery Clue 4

The weapon in room 3 was either Caroline's or the lanyard.

The Daily Drabble: Application for Additional Funding?

Domestic Verification of EM-Drive Principles

Summary:
This experiment was attempting to utilise a domestic Microwave to assess propulsion potential of EM-Drive-style resonate cavity – with partial success.

Methodology:
Removing partial protective cladding from domestic Microwave to enhance propulsion surface, whilst measuring rate-of-transfer along kitchen work surface, resulting from meal preparation.

Result:
An average movement of 2.3 inches per meal resulted in the Microwave approaching the counter edge over 9 days.

Negative Side-Effects:
1. Consumption of large quantities of microwave meals.
2. Final measurements indeterminate as the Microwave was propelled over the counter edge

Consequences:
Additional funding needed to replace Microwave

Brian Ameringen

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Sandworm Folly Dance

At the Dance Studio, some Follycon members have been plotting a science-fiction themed dance, deciding that the theorised lifecycle of a Dune Sandworm (and Spice) deserved some TLC.

From solo dancers aerating the dancefloor-come-desert representing Sand Plankton, to pairs of dancers representing Sandtrout finding and then encapsulating water, plenty of stamping (spice blow), and the eventual musical development of one behemoth Sand Worm (and its embodied destruction), the "Sandworm's Folly" dance was born.

Full moves will be shared and called, but come along and practice on Sunday afternoon (1 pm), and possibly help write another dance or join in with the full Science Ceilidh band on the Sunday evening (9 pm). www.scienceceilidh.com/sciencefiction

Newsletter 4 by Satellite 6 and friends. Artwork Ila Khan.

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Christina Lake

Christina gave an engaging presentation on *The Getting of Fandom*. Amongst her anecdotes was a story about taking advantage of her co-editor's vocabulary. She also raised the question *Which was the best decade to be a fan?* We'll leave you to debate that in the bar this evening!

Feline Groovy

Many of you may have thought our piece this morning was an April Fool. Think again! The article "Cats prefer species-appropriate music" by C T Snowdon, D Teie and M Savage appeared in 2015 in the academic journal *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*, volume 166, pages 106-111.

Stern note from the Chair

First, thank you for keeping access lanes clear. However, it has been noticed that some of you have been openly drinking from your own hip flasks and bottles in the bars. You may think you're being discreet, but you're not. Please knock it off! Hotels quite reasonably take a dim view of this sort of thing. We have a good relationship with the Majestic and we'd like to keep it that way.

Hugo Awards

We are delighted to hear that two of our fabulous Guests of Honour appear on the Hugo shortlists:

Best Novel
New York 2140 by Kim Stanley Robinson (Orbit)

Best Novella
Binti: Home by Nnedi Okorafor (Tor.com)

Best Young Adult Book
Akata Warrior by Nnedi Okorafor (Viking)

Card for Geoff Ryman

A get well card is available for signature at Info Desk.

Hay Lecture report

Climate change is a hoax. Its proponents are alarmists.

We have all heard these views, but Dr Kevin Cowtan from the University of York used this year's Hay Lecture to explain why people think like that even when the science is clear.

A lot of this comes down to scepticism, but he distinguished between two types of scepticism – real sceptics who are knowledge seeking and fake sceptics who are knowledge avoiding.

Fake sceptics reject science primarily for worldview and social reasons.

When trying to understand a scientific topic, he advised looking out for signs of bias and seeking out media that distinguish between real and fake scepticism.

Overheard At-Con

In Ops: We need a cable, preferably a round one… maybe three feet across? (*muddled with a parallel conversation about tables*!)

Child at the Easter Morning Service: Daddy, when the bread comes to us can we put jam on it?

Redundant information?

Fencing demo

Members will be giving a demonstration of historical fencing at 10 am on Monday on the Terrace (weather permitting).

Restaurant reviews

Betty's Tea Rooms
1 Parliament St, Harrogate, HG1 01423 814070

The first floor Imperial Room is a trip back in time to a world of cake forks and

starched white aprons. The five course afternoon tea for £33 (£40 with champagne) is a classic selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes with a few contemporary twists like the pea, cucumber and tomato cocktail. There is an excellent range of teas and infusions available. The only real dilemma is whether the clotted cream or jam should go on the rose petal-infused scone first. They will refill the sandwich plate on your cake stand, although unfortunately not the plate of fancies. Phone ahead to book.

Nik Whitehead

Konak Meze

11/13 Mount Parade
01423 500330

TripAdvisor guided us to this little Turkish restaurant. The service was friendly, the meze platters were delicious and the waiter's tie had sheep on it. We couldn't have asked for more. £25 per head inc. wine.

John Coxon

Stuzzi

46B Kings Road
01423 705852

Highly recommended for lovers of proper Italian food. It's a "small plates" joint but unpretentious. Staff were charming and attentive and everything was delicious. There are several non-meat options. Superb selection of Italian wines. Approx £30 per head for 6 plates, breads and oil, 1 bottle and 2 glasses of wine.

Ian Taft

Kinara Tandoori

19 Cheltenham Crescent
07931 462003

Small restaurant, so try and make a reservation. Excellent choices and great quality – the garlic and chilli naan is to die for. My chicken tikka was great with a vegetable curry on the side. Mains from £9 but prawns etc more expensive. Side dishes £5.

Jan van't Ent

Cardamom Black

Old Empire Theatre,
2-6 Cheltenham Parade
01423 313136

This busy and large Indian restaurant has quick, efficient and friendly service in a converted theatre. The food we could not fault. A main dish plus desert and a drink costs about £20.

Steve Rogerson

From Andrew

Can the kind fan who helped Andrew Patton escape from his predicament (bath) earlier today please contact Andrew.

Murder Mystery Clue 5

Paul was in a room number two greater than Caroline.

Statistics

When advance memberships closed, we had members living in 22 countries: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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The Daily Drabble: Operation Transmogrification, Verbal Division

"Jings, man, ah've never heard such wrang heided dafty speak in aw ma days. Ye'll no change the wiy ah tolk wi yon mad, mental thingummy boab. Ah'm shoacked ye can even siy it wi oot gettin a total riddy oan."

The scientist's smile beamed from his face as he turned to his grinning assistant. "Mark this one up as a success please, Gerald. Would you be so kind as to escort Mr. Chomondley-Smythe into the waiting room and give him something to read. And remember, verbal checks every fifteen minutes to ascertain the full duration of the Scottification Ray."

Brian (Munchkin) Milton

More Fun with Fan Funds

A collection at the candidates' interview raised over £60. Also, the Auction on Sunday evening may not be your last chance to buy things to support fan-fundery: look for a Dealers' Room table on Monday next to Novacon.

Beer Alert

We understand the Con is likely to run out of real ale this evening. Don't Panic! Supplies of craft beers are being sourced for Monday.

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Kieron Gillen

An appreciative audience enjoyed the final Guest of Honour talk by Kieron Gillen delivered with real enthusiasm and self-reflection.

He covered *The Wicked + The Divine* – his ongoing comic – and his recurring themes of gods and music. He even revealed the alternative ending to *Journey into Mystery* that he planned in case the run had been cut short.

Thanks from the Chair

Thank you all for attending Follycon and supporting the convention in so many ways. I've had a great time and hope you have too.

If you can, please help with tear-down after the Closing Ceremony. The more people that help out the sooner we can all get to the bar. If you can also help on Tuesday morning, please let Volunteers know in room 232.

Rail disruption

Following earlier flooding on the line between Harrogate and Leeds, all lines have now re-opened. However, some services may be delayed, cancelled or revised.

Fan fund auction

Thanks to everyone who donated or bought items at the Fan Fund Auction. Over £800 was raised, with the victors bearing away books, artwork, jewellery, games, clothing, cuddly toys, and a selection of foodstuffs.

Lost and found

Ops has accumulated a collection of lost property, including a hearing aid and some spectacles. Please reclaim your possessions.

Champion beer

In a narrow victory the favourite beer of the six sampled at GoH Christina Lake's Tasting was the Double Dark Alliance imperial stout from Bristol Breweries Arbor Ales and Moor Beer. (*Hic*!)

Eggs-terminated!

Newsletter is pleased that its safety recall advice has been heeded. We can confirm that the dangerous item has been appropriately disposed of (*and a big thank you to Malcolm H).*

Murder Mystery Clue 6

Room 5 did not contain the Doc Weir Award.

Some Babylon 5 themed Hall Costumes

An apology

We are very sorry that one of our headlines in Issue 4 made light of a serious subject.

New MA course

Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge has a new MA in Science Fiction and Fantasy beginning May 2018. The course covers literature, film and television, linguistics, and creative writing. It is available by distance learning with one week of on-site intensive teaching, see Anglia.ac.uk/MASciencefiction

2020 bid website

http://concentric2020.uk

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Murder Mystery Clue 7

Post mortem examination revealed a trophy-shaped wound in Alison's head, along with some strange markings that seemed to be the names of well-known fans written backwards.

Solved the case? Hand in your deduction to the Satellite 6 Con Table by 3 pm.

Foolsome praise

I pity the fool that didn't attend Follycon

Mr T

I was just saying to Melania that Alison and her team have run a lovely convention… a beautiful convention… the biggliest I would say…much better than the conventions run by Crooked Hilary…

Donald J Trump

Overheard At-Con

Small child in lift: Does a beeblebear count as one of the four people allowed?

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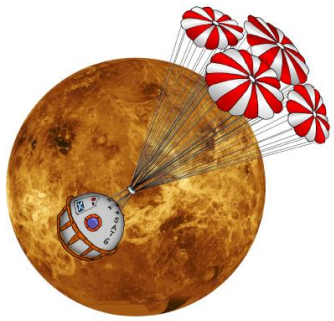
We hope to see you in Glasgow at the end of May, and of course next year at Ytterbium, Eastercon 2019.
P. S. Other Cons are available: check Ansible for details of upcoming events.



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